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SUBJECT: GDR STAND ON PORTUGAL

1. THE GDR MARKEDLY STEPPED UP ITS COMMENTARY ON PORTUGAL  
AUGUST 14 WITH A TELEGRAM FROM SED FIRST SECRETARY ERICH  
HONECKER TO PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY  
ALVARO CUNHAL PUBLISHED IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) ALONG  
WITH THREE EDITORIALS ON THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS.

IN HIS TELEGRAM, HONECKER EXTENDED "BROTHERLY BATTLE  
GREETINGS OF SOLIDARITY" TO CUNHAL AND COMPARED CURRENT

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ATTACKS BY THE "REACTION" IN PORTUGAL TO THE SITUATION IN

CHILE BEFORE ALLENDE'S FALL, ACCUSING INTERNATIONAL REACTIONARY FORCES OF INTERVENING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HONECKER SINGLED OUT "AGGRESSIVE CIRCLES OF NATO, THE EEC AND THE CIA" AND OBSERVED THAT THEIR "MASSIVE" INTERVENTION HAD COME BEFORE THE INK ON THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT HAD DRIED.

2. A LENGTHY EDITORIAL TITLED "ON THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION" SIGNED BY "DR. K" FURTHER PRESENTED THE GDR INTERPRETATION OF RECENT EVENTS IN LISBON. FOR DR. K., THE FATE OF THE REVOLUTION DEPENDED UPON A STRONG ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND THE MASSES. THAT ALLIANCE HAD BEEN SHAKEN, HOWEVER, DUE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF "RIGHT WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS", BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, THAT HAD GIVEN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE OUT AT THE REVOLUTION. IN DR. K'S PRESENTATION, THOSE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TURN OF EVENTS WERE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES AND THE "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL", THOSE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WHO MET IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 2 TO FORM THE COMMITTEE TO AID AND SUPPORT PORTUGAL. THE AUTHOR FURTHER SINGLED OUT WEST GERMAN SPD CHAIRMAN WILLI BRANDT AS THE "PIONEER" OF AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POLICY INTENDED TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND ALSO CRITICIZED THE PORTUGUESE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NATO, THE EEC, AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, NOTABLY THE CIA.

3. IN HIS EDITORIAL, DR. K. ISSUED A CALL FOR A RESTORATION OF UNITY BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS IN PORTUGAL AND BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND THE MASSES. POSING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND COMMUNISTS WERE DESTINED ONCE AGAIN TO MEET EACH OTHER IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AS THEY HAD IN GERMANY DURING THE 1930'S, HE CONCLUDED THAT ALL ANTI-FASCISTS MUST JOIN TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENTS ALREADY AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL PARTIES.

4. IN TWO SHORT EDITORIALS ALSO APPEARING AUGUST 14, ND  
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ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED THE "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL" FOR AIDING REACTIONARY FORCES IN PORTUGAL AND REFERRED TO EX-CIA AGENT PHILIP AGEE'S ALLEGATION THAT TWENTY HIGH CIA OFFICIALS WERE CURRENTLY WORKING IN PORTUGAL AND THAT 3,000 PORTUGUESE OFFICERS HAD BEEN TRAINED IN THE US SINCE 1950 AND COULD BE USED BY THE CIA AT ANY TIME. ONE EDITORIAL QUOTED FROM AN AUGUST ISSUE OF "COUNTERSPY" THAT SUPPOSEDLY NAMED FIVE CIA AGENTS IN THE USEMBASSY

IN LISBON: JOHN S. MORGAN, JAMES N. LAWLER, DOUGLAS  
L. MCELHANEY, PHILIP W. SNELL, AND DONLEY F. TREBBE.

5. COMMENT: THE GDR HAS CHOSEN FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A  
WEEK TO REFER TO CSCE IN CRITICIZING US POLICY, THE PREVIOUS  
OCCASION COMING IN REACTION TO THE US VETO OF NORTH  
AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE UN MEMBERSHIP (BERLIN 6123).  
ALTHOUGH STRONGLY CRITICAL OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS  
AND OF ALLEGED FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL, THE  
GDR HAS NOT CALLED FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO REACT ALONE  
OR WITH FORCE, BUT RATHER FOR A COMMON FRONT TACTIC  
BASED ON AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS.GROVE

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